

Looking forward, Looking back...

In 2003, we'll definitely
LOOK FORWARD

as we invite our alumni to bring back their kids and
grandkids to learn about what life at Augusta was like!

Every alumnus of AMA is invited back to Fort Defiance for Reunion 2003! Faculty and friends of AMA too! The Class of 1953 will have a 50th Anniversary and the Class of '43 will have a 60th! Our last class, the fellows from '83, will have been gone from Augusta for 20 years, if you can believe that. '63, '68, '73, and '78 also will have significant anniversaries to celebrate!

Our Museum will have many new things you haven't seen before as well as some permanent exhibits. We'll play golf and tennis, shoot clays, enjoy parties, meals and most of all, each other!

This year, we have asked that alumni bring to the reunion their children and grandchildren and great-grandkids so they can see at first hand what AMA was and is all about! In this way, they can help to carry on the proud Augusta Military Academy legacy.

There will be entertainment and games for the youngsters. They will have an opportunity to don an AMA uniform and hold an AMA rifle that Dad or Granddad carried. We promise that the younger offspring will not be bored!

People of all ages can enjoy Friday's trip to Monticello. Friday night, we honor our own when the AMA Medals are awarded and the AMA Legacy Scholarship winners are introduced. Saturday Lunch in the AMA Gymnasium should bring back some memories with the help of our guest speaker, and the Founders Day ceremonies may produce a tear or two.

And that's OK because that was part of the AMA experience too! How do we explain to anyone the feelings we have for dear old AMA?

Barbecue and dancing on Saturday night are perfect ways to end the weekend. The fantastic bargains available at the Silent Auction are not to be overlooked.

So, register now! Get your hotel reservations made as soon as possible. Plan to see guys you saw last year, or maybe haven't seen for half a century.

And let your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and beyond be with you as you share those precious memories which are ours, and ours alone! The registration form is inside together with a list of area hotels and the schedule of events. Plan now to be in Fort Defiance on the first weekend in May for a time you and yours will never, ever forget.



HONOR CLASSES

Seven classes will be honored at Reunion 2003
 ◇ 1943 ◇ 1953 ◇ 1963 ◇
 ◇ 1968 ◇ 1973 ◇ 1978 ◇ 1983 ◇

HERE ARE THE CLASS AGENTS
 FOR EACH OF THEM

1943 - Earl Cabaniss & Chris Harrison ◇
 ◇ 1953 - Lew Mundin ◇ 1963 - Mike Basto ◇
 ◇ 1968 - Gordon Metz ◇ 1973 - Jim Atchinson &
 Joe Garry ◇ 1978 - Henry Harris ◇ 1983 - Wayne Kreson

Contact your Class Agent to arrange for your class picture
 at the Continental Breakfast on Saturday 3 May

TIME FOR REUNION 2003!

Hope you had Happy Holidays! My very best to you and your family as we begin the New Year. We have much to be thankful for. Our Association is vibrant, the Foundation is established, and we are on our way to another fantastic reunion.

We are not, however, free from the effects of 9/11 and the resulting struggling economy. Contributions have been considerably lower than last year. Yet, our expenses remain. We have cut back where we can, but continue to feel the effects of declining donations. Our most precious communications tool is The Bayonet. To date, The Bayonet has not felt the impact of our cost-cutting since it reaches so many and is our voice to alumni and friends.

However, unless the General Fund grows steadily in the next few months, The Bayonet will have to feel the effects of our economic illness too. So, please, if you have read this far, take time now to send in a donation. The equivalent of \$5 a week (the cost of lunch at Subway) can make a big difference.

As we cross the threshold of 2003 and manage through the winter, spring will come quickly, and the Shenandoah Valley will welcome AMA alumni and their families once again. We will continue to look back and heap honor on our World War II vets who saved Western civilization. And we'll also look forward to our future by asking that you bring your sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters to the reunion to share the AMA experience with them.



Three \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded at reunion

Three AMA Legacy Scholarships, each worth \$2,000, will be awarded during Reunion 2003 to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of AMA alumni.

AMA Scholarship Committee Chairman Bruce Orenstein, '69, says that applications for the scholarship awards are now available at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. To receive an application, you can phone 540/248-3007, send an e-mail to: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com, or write a letter to: AMA Alumni House at: PO Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437.

Orenstein says that completed applications must be returned by 24 March 2003 in order that the judging can be completed and the scholarship winners can be advised in advance of the reunion.

AMA Legacy Scholarships are awarded annually to direct descendants (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, et al) of Augusta alumni. Applicants must be age 25 or less and either enrolled in or have been accepted at an educational institution past the high school level. The scholarships are paid directly to the institutions.

Students who have received AMA Legacy Scholarships in the past are eligible to apply again. The judging is done by an independent educator who has no relationship to the AMA Alumni Association or to any of its officers or directors.

Descendants can be natural, adopted or step children, grandchildren, etc.

The three stipends awarded in 2002 went to Peter Baxter, stepson of Mickey Toms, '67, Megan Spigle, daughter of Stephen Spigle, '74, and Joshua Mallett, son of Robert Mallett, '73.

Request your application today! Get it in by 24 March!



Time to nominate Alumni Medals recipients for 2003

Nominations for the 2003 Augusta Military Academy Alumni Medals are now being solicited. This will be the 5th year that the Medals have been awarded. Winners will be announced at the Friday night Awards Banquet during Reunion 2003.

The medals may be presented to anyone who has been a special friend to AMA and to the AMA Alumni Association. Alumni, faculty members and friends of AMA each can receive this special honor.

Individuals nominated may have done one very special thing for AMA, or it may be for continuing support. Those who have received medals in the past may be nominated again, but members of the AMA Medals Committee may not be considered during the year in which they are on the committee.

Alumni Association President Garry Granger, '71, has asked Bob Bradford, '50, to chair the committee again. Members of the selection committee, in addition to Granger and Bradford, are Frank Williamson, '60, Rod Willey, '51, Gary Nicholson, '70, and John Hash, '75.

Medal winners in 2002 were Dave Conrad, '59, Duke Fancher, '58, Bob Harris, '54, Sergeant Joe Josephson, Goodloe Saunders, '57, Steve Trent, '70, Jerry Wildman, '57, and Rod Willey, '51.

Nominations should be submitted to: AMA MEDAL, PO Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437, by FAX to 540/248-4533, or by e-mail to: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com. The deadline to receive nominations is 5 April 2003.

Past year winners include Ed Click, '50, the late Bill Gray, '37, V.P. Leavel, '39, Steve Pearson, '72, Frank Williamson, '60, Tommy Simmons, '52, Gary Nicholson, '70; the late Mickey Gordon, '39, Bob Bradford, '50, Chief Chester Cole, B.J. d'Orsay, '70, Gordon Metz, '68, Sergeant Don Studer, and Ben Zinkhan, '60.



Annual sporting clay shoot set for Saturday of Reunion 2003

Once again, shooters will gather at the Flying Rabbit outside of Harrisonburg to try their hand at knocking clays out of the sky during the annual AMA Alumni Reunion in May.

Clarke says. "We're out there just to have fun. You don't even have to bring your own shotgun. If you will let me know in advance, you can borrow a weapon."

Blaine Clarke, '72, says from his home in Germantown, MD, that the shoot is scheduled for 3 PM on Saturday 3 May, rain or shine. Last year, it rained, but the shoot went on as scheduled as a brave band of marksmen tested their shooting skills.

"You don't have to be an expert,"

Clarke also said that the shoot will start late enough for those who want to attend Founders Day services in the Stone Church Cemetery, and early enough to complete the shoot before darkness falls.

Last year, Clarke won the shoot by breaking 44 of 50 targets, outpointing second place finisher Rick Ellett, also from the Class of '72.

If you would like to participate in the 2003 Sporting Clay Shoot, get in touch with Blaine Clarke. Alumni, AMA friends, men and women.

You can send an e-mail to Blaine at: Blaine.Clarke@CO.MO.MD.US Or call him at work, 240/777-3582.

Blaine says there will be time for some practice shots before the competition begins.

Garry Granger, '71

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2003 AMA GOLF OPEN

Can you help us get "goodies" for the players?

Each year, we have been able to obtain some very nice prizes for the players.

We're looking for caps, balls, golf tees, towels, umbrellas and such. We'll also take cash!

If you can help us make the tournament a success, please get in touch with

Lewie Kennett, '72
930 Paradise Acres Drive
Boones Mill, VA 24065
540/721-3456
e-mail: lckennett@aol.com

SHOTGUN START

THE 2003 AMA GOLF OPEN SIGN-UP

Your name _____ Class _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ e-mail _____

Handicap, or last three scores _____

I'll play with anyone Team me with _____ Class _____

We have a foursome _____ Class _____

Class _____

Class _____

Make check to: **AMA Alumni Association**
Mail form to: **GOLF, c/o AMA Alumni Association**
(Photocopy OK) **P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101**

4 person team scramble (Captain's choice)

Use every player's tee shot twice - Lowest score wins!

Proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation
Everyone welcome - men, women and teens

**PRIZES: 1st, 2nd & last place! Best putt!
Longest drive! Closest to the pin!**

Drawing for Mulligan Prizes! \$10 per Mulligan
Limit, 2 per player

FEES: \$75 per person includes greens fees,
cart, refreshments, box lunch, goody bags, prizes

Ingleside Country Club
Friday 2 May at 9:30 AM

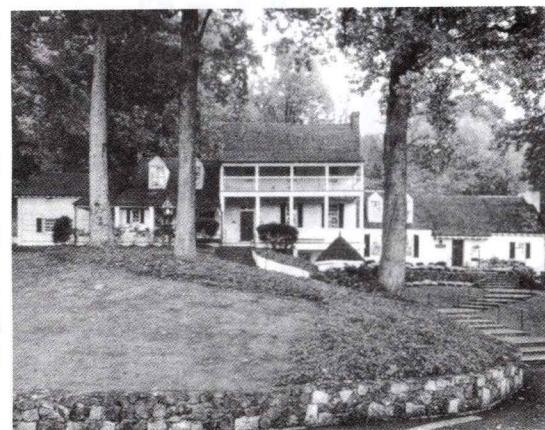
Deadline to enter: 15 April

A fantastic trip back in time with stops at today's Virginia wineries... Monticello... Michie Tavern... the Rotunda and the Lawn at the University of Virginia... wine tasting at the Jefferson Vineyards and the First Colony Winery... all in the company of AMA friends!

The Mountaintop at Monticello embodies all that was Thomas Jefferson. Principal philosopher of the American Revolution. Author of the Declaration of Independence. Founder of the University of Virginia. Governor of Virginia. President of the United States. Architect. Astronomer. Farmer. Musician. Surveyor. Jurist. All these parts of the Great Man can still be discerned in a visit to his Monticello. This is not just an old house. This is Thomas Jefferson's house, unique in all the world in its time and now.



Monticello, the West Front, from an 1825 painting



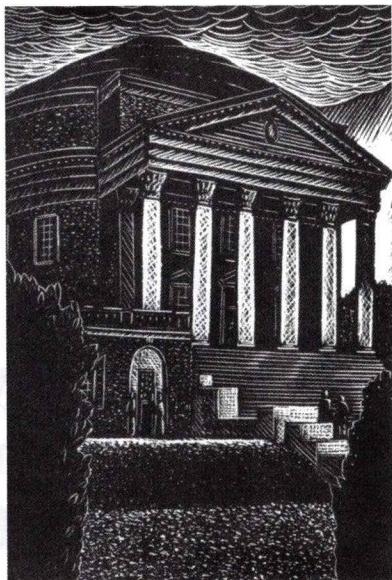
Michie Tavern, 1784-2002, witness to history

After lunch, visit The Lawn and The Rotunda at the University of Virginia. The Rotunda was designed by Jefferson to be the heart of what he called the

"academic village." You will marvel at Mister Jefferson's foresight and his architectural genius. See the student buildings along The Lawn.



Visit Jefferson Vineyards for a wine tasting before lunch, and First Colony Winery after your visit to the University. All part of the Friday tour!

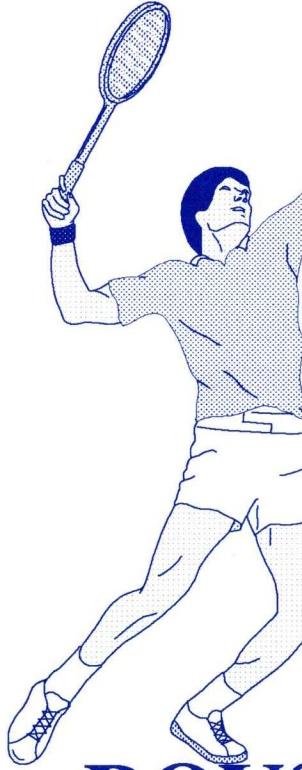


The Rotunda at the University of Virginia

FRIDAY 2 MAY

Sign up on the blue registration form
\$36 per person includes
luxury motorcoach, admissions to all attractions, luncheon and two wine tastings

9 AM Depart from the Holiday Inn for Monticello
Tour the house and grounds - Jefferson Vineyards tasting
11:45 AM Lunch at Michie Tavern
Tour of The Rotunda and The Lawn at UVA followed by
wine tasting at First Colony Winery
4:30 PM Arrive back at the Holiday Inn, Staunton



Looking forward... to playing TENNIS at Reunion 2003

**Great fun for all!
BOYS & GIRLS OF ALL AGES
invited to participate!**

A relaxed intramural event at the
STAUNTON COUNTRY CLUB

All skill levels!

Singles and doubles!

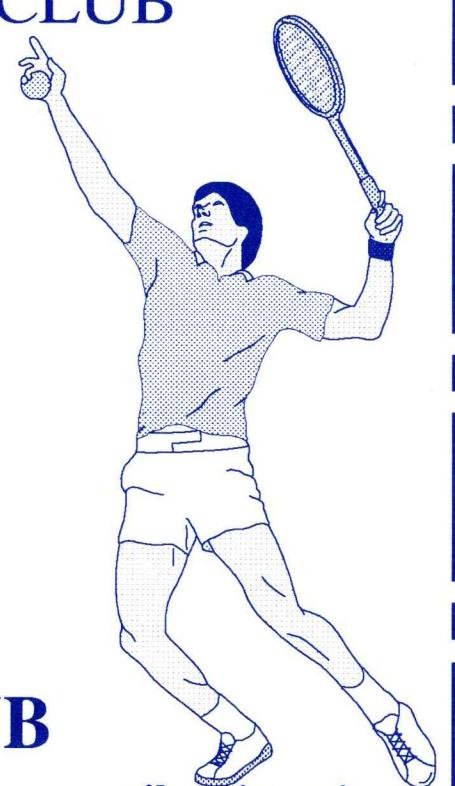
Want to play? Get in touch with
Frank Pilley, '51

E-mail: fpilley@aol.com
Phone 703/323-7111

1 PM FRIDAY 2 MAY

STAUNTON COUNTRY CLUB

Want a special \$15 AMA T-shirt? Give your size with your mail registration.



The Tentative Schedule for Reunion 2003

THURSDAY 1 MAY

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open
Continuing exhibit - AMA honors its veterans of World War II

Noon-4 PM Early Bird registration
Hospitality Tent and PX open - Holiday Inn

Noon-1 PM Casual golf tee times
Ingleside Country Club

5:00-7:00 PM Early Bird Reception
Staunton Country Club

7:30 PM Hospitality Tent reopens
Holiday Inn

FRIDAY 2 MAY

9:00 AM-6:30 PM Registration
Hospitality Tent and PX open - Holiday Inn

8:00 AM Silent Auction begins
Holiday Inn registration area

8:30 AM Golfers register/photos made
Ingleside Country Club

9:00 AM Tour of Monticello,
University of Virginia and vineyards in and near Charlottesville
Meet in parking lot near Hospitality Tent
Motorcoach courtesy of **Bob Hume, '63**

9:30 AM AMA Open Golf Tournament
Ingleside Country Club

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open
AMA Campus

10:00 AM Games for kids
AMA Parade Field

SATURDAY 3 MAY

7:30 AM Continental breakfast
Hospitality Tent
Class meetings
Class photos
Holiday Inn

9:00 AM Annual membership meeting
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

11:00 AM Games for the kids
Display of military equipment
AMA Parade Field

11:45 Soupie by Bugler **Phil Myers, '71**
Bagpiper Dr. Mixion Darracott
leads group into AMA Gymnasium

11:55 PM Luncheon
AMA Gymnasium
Featuring a speaker of note

SUNDAY 4 MAY

9:00 AM Prayer breakfast
Coach Bill Ralph
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

11:00 AM Sunday Service
Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church



Don't be disappointed. Make your hotel reservations NOW!

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center
\$78 a night + tax
1/800/932-9061 or 540/248-6020

OFFICIAL HOTEL

Quality Inn
\$65 a night + tax
540/248-5111

The two hotels listed above are at Exit 225 off I-81 at Virginia Route 275 Most functions will be at The Holiday Inn

OTHER AREA HOTELS

Ingleside Hotel, still on Route 11
1/800/556-8585 or 540/248-1201

Comfort Inn, Route 250 West
1/800/228-5150 or 540/886-5000

Hampton Inn, Route 11 South
1/800/426-7866 or 540/886-7000

Shoney's Inn, Route 250 East
1/800/552-4667 or 540/885-3117

Super 8 Motel, Route 250 West
1/800/800-8000 or 540/886-2888

EconoLodge, Route 250 West
1/800/424-6423 or 540/885-5158

Ramada Inn, Verona
1/866/718-8982 or 540/248-8981

Microtel, Route 250 East
1/877/877-8439 or 540/887-0200

Best Western, Rowe Road
off Route 250 East
1/800/752-9471 or 540/885-1112

Sleep Inn, Route 250 East
1/800/488-8750 or 540/887-6500

The AMA Alumni Association does **NOT** make hotel reservations. Make your hotel reservations early, and BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR REUNION REGISTRATION

Silent Auction offers treasures

The Silent Auction at Reunion 2003 will be offering things that were once treasures, and are again, plus items and collectibles made by alumni, alumni wives and friends of AMA.

Dave Conrad, '59, is again Chairman of the auction. "We are expecting some unique items again this year," he says, "and we are looking for more

items which can be auctioned off during the reunion weekend." Last year's auction netted \$6,000, a record.

In previous years, the auction has seen handmade angels, quilts, AMA memorabilia, and even a cherry desk built and donated by an alumnus. There have been pictures, antiques, a stay at a bed and breakfast, and other valuable items.

Two items brought big responses last year: roundtrip coach and first class tickets on American Airlines, donated by AA Exec Tom DeValle, '73.

Many valuable framed items were given by Ed Chauncey, '49, last year and in the previous several years, for which we are grateful.

Be thinking about what you have in your attic, garage or closet that would be valuable to someone else. It was once valuable to you and it can be valuable to someone else!

Please bring your contributions to the Silent Auction to the reunion registration area. Thanks very much!



Bring your children, grandkids and great-grandchildren to the

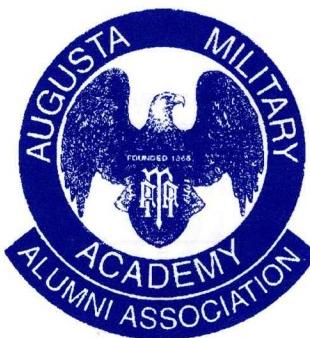
2003 AMA Reunion!

A unique opportunity to pass along AMA's legacy to the generations who follow us.

There will be plenty to do for people of all ages!



Show them what it was like to be an AMA cadet + Visit Monticello + Sports events (lacrosse, tennis, golf, football, fencing and basketball) + Meet your classmates and introduce them to your offspring

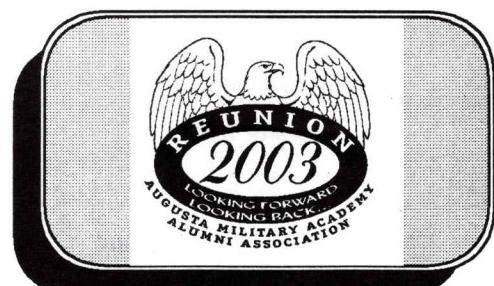


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